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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING CONSUMER

GOODS USED IN AN ANALYZER

AMENDMENT

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October 31, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 27, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.

A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee accompany this paper.

A Request for Continued Examination and the appropriate fee accompany this paper.